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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



Secretary Britt Cobb

A few weeks ago, at DOA's annual holiday reception, I bid many of you farewell as it was my plan to officially retire at the end of the year. I can tell you with complete honesty, I never imagined then that I would still be here today, sitting at my desk to write another message to you in our newsletter.

Though I truly enjoyed my five days of retirement, the reason I stayed is simple: Our new Governor is a very persuasive woman. Her plans for improving state government are both substantial and attainable, and she made it clear that she was selecting a leadership team able to meet her expectations. I am humbled by her confidence and motivated by her vision for more efficient and transparent government.

Gov. Perdue has very high expectations of us.

Adjustments in organization and policy – indeed, in the way DOA does business – will occur. While most of these elements are still in the early stages of development, one key change has already been made.

General Counsel Kevin McLaughlin has been named DOA's Chief Operating Officer, a new position that will manage and monitor the day-to-day activities and operations of the Department. He will take a leadership role in the establishment of performance indicators and the monitoring of performance against goals, allowing me more flexibility to provide direct contact with our Divisions.

Additionally, June Michaux been promoted from State Property Officer to Deputy Secretary, replacing McKinley Wooten. We wish McKinley much success in his new position as Deputy Director for the Administrative Office of the Courts, and are grateful for the leadership June already has provided.

I thank you all for your good wishes and hard work. I will share more news soon regarding other changes that will improve DOA and help us better serve the public.

Britt Cobb



Along with other Cabinet Secretaries, Britt Cobb was officially sworn in as Secretary of Administration on Jan. 12. Joined by his wife, Ann Cobb – who serves as Deputy Director of the Office of State Personnel – he signed his paperwork with Supreme Court Chief Justice Sarah Parker (left). Clearly happy about the occasion, the Cobbs were congratulated by Gov. Bev Perdue.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: DERRICK MOORE, STATE PARKING DIVISION

When her daughter was young she used to think that State Parking Director Cathy Reeve had superhero hearing and eyes in the back of her head.

“Now, thanks to Derrick Moore, I really do,” she said of the Division’s Operations Supervisor. “He serves as my eyes and ears outside of this office, and he gives me great feedback on what’s really happening in our facilities. His hard work, dedication and creativity are changing the way we do business.”

And that is why Derrick Moore is the recipient of the Administrator Extra Effort Award.

Moore joined DOA in June 2007 with experience in the military and private security services. He oversees the visitor lots, supervises seven parking attendants, and is responsible for addressing and coordinating maintenance for all parking facilities – including sometimes uncooperative gates, ticketing devices and roll-down security doors.

“It’s a demanding job, but he impresses me with his energy and enthusiasm about ways to increase efficiency,” Reeve said. “He calls me chief. He’ll say, ‘Chief, I want to let you know about something and how I’m dealing with it.’ He doesn’t bring me problems; he brings solutions.”

Among the solutions he’s developed is a new visitor voucher program implemented last fall to help state agencies provide parking for guests.

“Instead of making an investment in buying various types of permits, we’re using existing ticket stock that had gone unused,” Reeve said. “We’ve captured almost \$12,000 worth of previously unclaimed revenue thanks to him – and the program has only been in place since October. It helps to offset the revenue we’re losing from the closing of lots and the cost of building the Green Square deck. It’s helping us to keep our heads above water.”

Reeve considers Moore’s contributions exemplary, especially given that he had no experience in parking before joining the Division.

“He’s very quick to catch on and he really takes a lot of pride in a job well



Derrick Moore, State Parking Division

done,” she said. “He holds his employees to the same high standard he applies to himself, and he is quick to credit his staff as contributing to the success of his efforts.

“Customer service is very important to him, and Derrick has become a big factor in our overall success,” she said. “I know I can always count on him and, with everything going on around here, that really means a lot.”

LEGISLATIVE AND RECOVERY LIAISONS NAMED

Christy Agner is DOA’s new Liaison for Productivity and Legislative Affairs. She joins us from the Governor’s legislative office with previous experience working in Washington, D.C., for the Democratic National Committee and the American Institute of Architects.

The Salisbury native is a graduate of N.C. State University, where she was selected as a legislative intern with the General Assembly. She can be reached at 919-807-2340 or Christy.agner@nc.gov.

Valerie McMillan, Director of the State Environmental Review Clearinghouse, has been designated as DOA’s liaison with the

Governor’s Office of Economic Recovery & Investment. She and the other designated liaisons have met with Director Dempsey Benton to begin to focus on issues associated with the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

McMillan will work closely with DOA Division Directors to prepare for potential funding. Divisions with existing statutes or rules which will adversely affect implementation of recovery projects should forward those identified statutes or rules to her right away. She can be reached at 919-807-2324 or valerie.w.mcmillan@doa.nc.gov.

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REMEMBERING A MODERN-DAY WARRIOR

BY GREG RICHARDSON, N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

It is with deep affection and respect that I reflect on the life and contributions of Chief Roscoe Jacobs, the first elected and, until his death at age 86 on January 27, the presiding chief of the Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe. He also was a beloved and longstanding member of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, which since 1971 has served to assist the more than 100,000 American Indians who call North Carolina home.

It was a great privilege to deliver Governor Perdue's message of appreciation at Chief Jacobs' funeral. A personal letter written to his family expressed her deep sympathy and acknowledged the Chief's accomplishments and contributions to the Waccamaw-Siouan, his community and to all of North Carolina tribes.

Chief Jacobs was a modern-day warrior who worked hard throughout his life to assure that Indians were treated fairly, not discriminated against, and that they were represented in all aspects of decision making at the local, state and federal level. He was among the few surviving Indian leaders who chose to take up his peoples' cause back in the 1950s and '60s, when it was not very popular to be an American Indian. He was very proud of his heritage, always wearing a feather, his signature red suspenders and a traditional American Indian bolo necktie, as a badge of pride.

I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to know and work with such an honorable leader and will truly miss him. He has certainly earned his rightful place in North Carolina's American Indian history.

Note: This remembrance first ran on Gov. Bev Perdue's eTown Hall website:

<http://www.governor.state.nc.us/eTownhall/Blog>



FREE BUS SERVICE CIRCULATES IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH

The City of Raleigh has launched a new, free bus service that circulates throughout Downtown. The new R-LINE is an eco-friendly approach to urban transportation. Its hybrid electric buses connect users to restaurants, retail, entertainment venues, museums, hotels and parking facilities.

Buses run every 10-15 minutes. Hours of operations at 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 2:15 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 1-8 p.m. Sunday.

To see map of the route and specific stops, visit <http://www.godowntownraleigh.com/get-around/r-line/r-line-stops>. For additional information, call the GoTriangle Call Center at 919-485-RIDE.



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NOT YOUR TYPICAL FAMILY REUNION

Long before a California mother made January headlines with the birth of octuplets, who joined the six children she already had at home – even before the Duggar Family's 18 children became reality show celebrities – a Florida clan with 14 siblings became something of a national sensation when Life Magazine followed them to New York City for a visit to the World's Fair in July 1964.

"It was an experience I'll never forget," said Paul Rock, a DOA State Procurement Specialist who was just 10 when he was photographed happily screaming with his brothers and sisters on a huge slide at the World's Fair. "We always had a lot of fun together, but this really was a child's dream come true."

Rock was a middle child in a group that then ranged between 3 and 17. His mother delivered 10 boys and four girls over 14 years – including two sets of twins, one of them Paul and his brother Peter, also of North Carolina.

Last Christmas, all but one sibling managed to make it to a special reunion in Florida. Counting spouses, children and grandchildren, a total of 60 gathered for tours of their old house (now a convent), high school and tourist attractions.

"It was perfect timing, because Christmas was always awesome when we were kids," Rock said. "It was almost surrealistic. Family and friends filled the house. The tree and decorations didn't go up until Christmas Eve. Then, of course, Santa would come and bring everything."

In place of Santa, the Rocks' hired caterers for the reunion who, like magic elves, made great meals and – even better – cleaned up so the family could focus on enjoying each others' company.

"We always worked hard, but it was a lot of fun to be a member of a family with 14 kids," Rock recalled. "A lot of coordination and organization was involved. We all had a job list, like

Credits/Life Magazine and The Miami Herald



DOA friends and colleagues will surely recognize the matching grins from the photo taken last Christmas in Florida (above) and the one taken by a Life Magazine photographer in 1964 at the New York World's Fair (below). Paul Rock is in the center of both.

someone had to clean the living room, someone had to cook, someone had to wash clothes.

"Laundry duty was the worst," he said with a laugh. "We had big bins on wheels for colors and whites and darks, but nobody ever did a good job of keeping track of that. It was always bad news if you got laundry on your job list."

Rock said his father was especially resourceful in stretching dollars to ensure that everyone's needs were met. He even outfitted an old school bus with bunks, a bathroom and kitchenette for their World's Fair adventure.

"We were lucky that he had the smarts to do a lot of stuff on his own, including giving all of us boys haircuts to save money," he said. "He was a manufacturer's agent for a wholesale plumbing company, so he always knew how to fix things, or at least knew who could fix things he couldn't."

Rock said his parents were "good disciplinarians" and credits them not only with instilling strong values, but also making sure that all 14 siblings earned college degrees.



"The reunion was really wonderful and reinforced that great feeling of knowing that you're part of something bigger than yourself," he said. "We all knew we had something special when we were young, but we feel it even more strongly today. We're all 'turfy' in our ways, but the Rock family wouldn't know how to get along with other folks if we didn't first learn to get along with each other."

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28TH ANNUAL STATE CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH 24

The State Construction Office will present its 28th annual State Construction Conference March 24 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The event brings together contractors, subcontractors, engineers, architects, landscape architects, attorneys and representatives of state agencies to discuss mutual concerns related to the planning, design and construction of state projects.

This year's theme is "Influences on Construction - 2009." Sen. Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore, will speak during the awards luncheon.

Topics scheduled for discussion in breakout sessions include: Bonding and Insurance Requirements; Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) and the new Statewide Uniform Certification Program; Integrated Design Approach; Immigration and Construction; Economy and Budget Outlook; Energy Standards; Performance Contracting; Final Reports;

State Building Commission Updates; OSHA and Construction; New Code Changes; State Historic Preservation, and State Environmental Clearinghouse. The conference offers continuing education credit for qualified participants.

Among the honors to be announced during the luncheon is the Frank B. Turner Award, which recognizes a state government employee for dedicated public service and outstanding professional contributions to the built environment.

The registration fee is \$99, including materials, lunch and refreshments. To register or learn more about the conference, call the N.C. State University Office of Professional Development at 919-515-2261, or visit www.continuingeducation.ncsu.edu (click on Conferences).



Sen. Marc Basnight

In conjunction with the conference, DOA's HUB Office will present a Contractors' Networking Reception and Expo from 5-7 p.m. The event is free to participants but RSVP is required. For information, call the HUB Office at 919-807-2330 or send email to HUBOffice.doa@ncmail.net

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2009 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AWARDS

Nominations will be accepted through March 13 for the Leadership in Sustainable Energy Awards, which are presented annually at the N.C. Sustainable Energy Conference to entities and individuals that have made an outstanding contribution in helping North Carolina achieve its sustainability goals.

The awards will be presented at the sixth annual conference, which will be held April 14-15 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. They include:

- The **Sustainable Energy Champion** award, represents the pinnacle of statewide leadership in at least two of the following categories:
 - Renewable Energy
 - Alternative Fuels
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Economic Development
 - Environmental Stewardship
- Four **Sustainable Energy Leadership** awards will recognize the programs, businesses and/or individuals who have demonstrated the greatest impact in at least one of the categories listed above.

Nomination forms are available on the State Energy Office website at <http://www.energync.net/conference/> (click on Nominations Form). Please fax completed nomination forms to Jeannette Martin at 919-733-2953 or e-mail to energyinfo@doa.nc.gov. For additional information, call 919-733-2230.

To register or learn more about the Sustainable Energy Conference, call the N.C. State University Office of Professional Development at 919-515-2261, or visit www.continuingeducation.ncsu.edu (click on Conferences).

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39TH ANNUAL YLA SET FOR MARCH 13-15

The Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office will conduct the 39th annual Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) March 13-15 in Raleigh.

YLA is an opportunity for North Carolina high school students to write, debate and vote on bills and share their views with legislators and other state government officials. General Sessions will be held at the Legislative Office Building, Room 643, with other activities at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel.

Following procedures used by members of the N.C. General Assembly, participants will work in one of 10 committees before gathering for general sessions. Among the items to be considered are bills to: legalize the institution of civil unions; require every North Carolina public school system

to offer a foreign language program in primary schools; require a minimum refundable deposit on recyclable, individually-sealed beverage containers; reform the gun show loophole; and institute a syringe exchange program. A YLA final report will be sent to the Governor, members of the General Assembly and other key state leaders.

Presiding over this year's YLA will be tri-speakers Seth Morris, a senior at Salisbury High School in Salisbury; David Freifeld, a senior at Enloe High School in Raleigh; and Elgin Giles, a junior at West Johnson High School in Benson.

YLA 2009 sponsors are the N.C. Cable Telecommunications Association, the John William Pope Foundation, Progress Energy, the N.C. Sheriffs' Association,

ElectriCities of North Carolina Inc., and the N.C. Minority/Women Business Enterprise Coordinators' Network, the latter of which provides financial aid scholarships. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.



RECYCLE YOUR OLD TELEPHONE BOOKS

During the next few weeks, 2009 telephone books will be delivered to our homes and offices. Old directories should not be thrown away – they should be recycled.

Last year, state government agencies generated 43 tons of recycled phone books. Especially in our challenged economy, the waste in ordering, delivering and eventually disposing of this mostly outdated resource is no longer acceptable.

The Department of Administration is doing its part to promote recycling and reduce future waste by placing fewer telephone books orders for state agencies. DOA also is working with vendors to reduce delivery of multiple or unneeded directories.

Most state agencies cut back their orders this year, with several reducing their request by more than 50 percent. Indeed, one Department ordered just two sets of hardcopy phone books, significantly reducing both current costs and future recycling needs.

State employees are strongly encouraged to use online resources to locate needed phone numbers. Numbers for many state government employees are available through <http://www.ncgov.com/directory.aspx>. AT&T offers its Real Pages directory at <http://www.realpageslive.com/>. Popular search engines also provide useful contact information.

Wake County Government formerly provided receptacles for the collection of old telephone books in the downtown area. This year, with the reduction in budget, this service will not be provided. As such, state agencies must assist with the collection and recycling of telephone books.

In Wake County, Convenience Centers are accepting old telephone books for recycling at no cost. To locate a convenience center in your county, check the Wake County Government website at <http://www.wakegov.com/recycling/residents/recycle/telephonebook.htm>

For information about other recycling services available, visit the Facility Management website at <http://www.ncfacilitymanagement.net/recycleprog.htm> or contact Patricia Scurlock at 919-733-3855.



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DOA AT THE INAUGURATION

Several Department of Administration employees traveled to Washington, D.C., to witness the Jan. 20 inauguration of our nation's 44th chief executive, President Barack Obama. Others celebrated the occasion by watching the events unfold on their TV or computer while getting updates from loved ones who were there. Either way, the day will surely stand as a momentous occasion for those who share their stories below.



Valerie Heard with her hand-crocheted Obama quilt

After working on it for months, **Valerie Heard** of Management Information Systems fretted that she wouldn't finish her hand-crocheted quilt in time. Inspired by the familiar campaign bumper sticker, she designed the piece to incorporate "Obama '08" and his distinctive red-white-and-blue symbol.

"I intended to keep it a circle, but the shape seemed to have a mind of its own," Heard said, noting how it inadvertently morphed into a heart. "I wasn't sure about it at first, but now I think it turned out just right."

Heard and her group proudly carried the queen-size quilt to the National Mall, but they were stopped so often by well wishers and photo seekers that they eventually had to fold it up. "People really loved it, and we appreciated that so much," she said, "but it was heavy to carry and was really slowing us down."

Heard – whose creative tribute to the 44th president was featured in the [News & Observer's](#) coverage of the festivities – received numerous offers to purchase the one-of-a-kind piece, as well

as requests to place orders. "I was flattered but I had to say no. It's a family keepsake that I've promised to my daughter.

"Going to the inauguration was an experience I'll never forget," she said. "I hope I'll get to go again and add another row saying 'Obama 12'."

Julie Owens, Charlotte Region Director for the Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission, was fortunate to have tickets to the inauguration. "I went with my sister and two very good friends," she said, noting their day started with a 4:30 a.m. Metro ride and ended around 10 p.m. "I met people from 12 different states and all walks of life. Everyone was so friendly, polite and cheerful, despite the 2.5 million people and the bitter cold."

After the ceremony, Owens's group was stuck on the Mall for hours due to the crowds. "We finally ended up resting on the floor of the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian, along with hundreds of other exhausted folks," she said. "I saw many people helping strangers that day and I understand that not one arrest was made. It was America at its best, and a day I will never forget."

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Julie Owens and friends enjoyed this spectacular view of the Inauguration.

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It was cold. It was crowded. Even from a ticketed spot, it was hard to see and hear. And she'd been on her feet for more than 10 hours when she and a huge crowd waiting in a line at a Metro stop were told that service has ended.

But **Tammy Martin** didn't care. "Oh, it was so exciting to be there," said Martin, State Services Network Manager for the Agency for Public Telecommunications. "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

Martin received her ticket in a lottery. Her privileged view meant that she could not enjoy the proceedings with her daughter, Skyler Hawkins, a junior at Georgetown University who voted by absentee ballot – and paid for overnight delivery to make sure it arrived on time.

"It was tough to connect by cell phone, but we did it," Martin said. "Like everyone else there, we really felt like we were part of history. There was a sense of real peace in that crowd, a kindness from people who traveled from all parts of the world to be there, that was truly unforgettable."

Martin met a man from Chapel Hill who bought her hand warmers from a vendor. "A gentleman from South Carolina gave me another pair since my feet were *sooooo* cold," she recalled. "It was truly a great day to know that our nation is looking beyond skin color and now looking at individuals and 'the content of our character.'"



Jayce Williams' mother Elizabeth with the Inaugural Parade in the background.

Elizabeth C. Williams traveled from Goldsboro to D.C. for the historic occasion, remaining on the Mall from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. "We talked throughout the day by phone. She said how proud she was to

***"It was America at its best,
and a day I will never forget."
– Julie Owens, CFW/DVC***

stand with millions of people of every race, from those trying to make a dollar on the streets to those making their way to elegant balls."

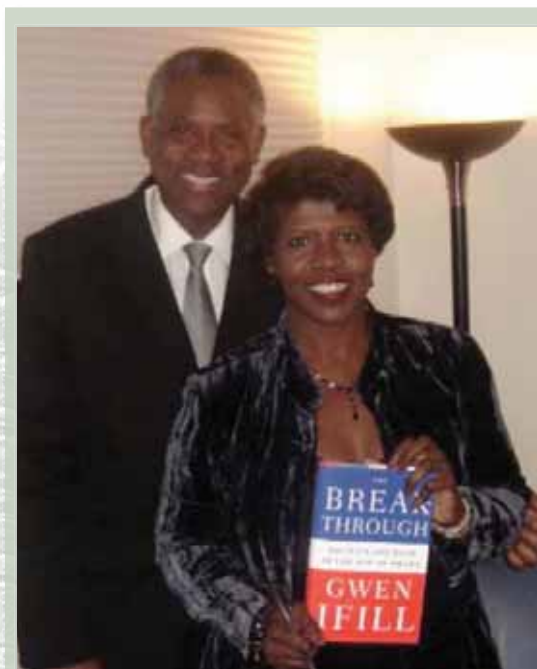
As a teenager, his mother was one of the first black students to integrate St. John's High School on John's Island, S.C., in 1965. "She said she had been afraid but knew it needed to happen," he said. "She also said that, on Jan. 20, 2009, she felt freer than she'd ever felt in her entire life. She thanks God for the chance to be

there to show the world and our president that we are united for change."

Even **James Staton** was star-struck. "I've been to a lot of special celebrations, but this was really something else," said DOA's State Purchasing Officer, who attended the inauguration and several events with his wife, Dr. Johnetta B. Cole.

The couple flew to Washington just hours after Cole delivered the stirring keynote address Jan. 16 at the 28th annual State Employees' Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance program. "That was the perfect start to a truly amazing weekend," Staton said. "It really put one in the proper mindset to take in all that was going on."

At the African-American Church Ball, where Cole was an honoree, Staton met such dignitaries as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and child rights advocate Marion Wright Edelman.



James Staton with author and political analyst Gwen Ifill

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"I also met Gwen Ifill at a reception of National Association of Black Journalists," he said. "Let me tell you, everywhere you looked, there was someone I've always wanted to meet. To be in Washington during such a historic occasion was a great privilege."

Elizabeth Kotek of the State Construction Office got to experience the inauguration through her daughter, Magda, who braved the crowds with college friends.



Magda Kotek enjoyed events with college friends.

"They wanted to live a moment of history together," Kotek said, noting her daughter did her undergraduate work at Georgetown and later earned a business degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. "She called me about every two hours. I watched on TV, so the excitement in her voice made it a much more personal experience."

Kotek said Magda

and her friends got to the Mall early and spent the cold, sunny day watching from the Washington Monument, across from the White House. "She said a huge cheer went through the crowd once the president and vice president were sworn in. She said people listened intently, clapped appreciatively, then left slowly as if deep in thought to return to their hotels, homes and lives."

Kotek, who moved to North Carolina from Poland more than 20 years ago, was thrilled for her daughter to have had the opportunity to witness the historic occasion in person.

"Still, it was good on TV, too," she said. "I think it was because of the snow, but they say North Carolina had more viewers of the inauguration than any other state. So, in a way, I was still part of history myself."

Charlotte Battle boarded a charter bus just after midnight on inauguration eve with 26 passengers, including her brother, Alvin Downing Sr. The P&C Purchasing Assistant joined the group in prayer – not only for their safe journey, but for all who would participate in the inauguration of the first African-American President of the United States.

"We arrived around 6:30 a.m. and found ourselves surrounded by a rainbow of people, all of whom surely had their own special reason for being there," Battle said. "I know I did."

Battle was 11 years old when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed. She was a 6th grader when her Edenton school was integrated and a classmate taunted her with the "N" word.

"As a child in those turbulent times, it really helped to have God-fearing parents," she said. "I remember having to use a different restroom and water fountain in Belk's, and not being able to order a soft drink at the counter at a drug store downtown. When I went to the movies with my brothers, we had to climb the outside stairs to watch from the hard wooden seats in the balcony."

More than 35 years after she participated in civil rights marches in her hometown, Battle said, "I believed that I had to respond audaciously to witness first-hand the historic inauguration of President Barack Hussein Obama."

"I was quite a distance away and the crowd was thick. I was surrounded by many strangers, and yet felt very safe. I thank the Lord for blessing me to be there in person among so many other witnesses for such a time like this in history."



Charlotte Battle celebrates as a 'witness to history.'

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AGENCY FOR PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Media Services Manager **Jill Hammergren** was part of the Media SOS team for the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho, Feb. 7-14. More than 2,500 athletes from 100-plus countries competed in seven winter sports. The Media SOS team facilitates media coverage, celebrity and corporate participation in an effort to bring attention and awareness of Special Olympics to the world and recognition to the athletes who participate.

Special Olympics serves more than 2.8 million people with intellectual disabilities in more than 200 programs in 180 countries worldwide. This is Hammergren's seventh World Games event, having previously attended similar events in North Carolina, Minnesota, Alaska, Ireland, Japan and China.

credit: Mike Slater/Department of Correction



Dr. Jonetta B. Cole (center), wife of State Purchasing Officer James Staton, delivered a rousing message Jan. 16 at the 28th annual State Employees Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. DOA employees Tammy Martin, Buddy West and Robert Talley sang in the choir, and former Deputy Secretary McKinley Wooten played piano.

COUNCIL FOR WOMEN/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

Kathleen Balogh, Western Region Director, collaborated with the Girl Scouts of WNC Pisgah Council to present "Playin' it Safe," a free day-long information and education opportunity focused on dating violence, healthy eating, unintended pregnancy, and sexually transmitted disease to teenage girls. Mothers and daughters spent the day attending breakout sessions led by local physicians and had opportunities to win giveaways for gas cards, massages, books and tickets to the Biltmore Estate and Dollywood. Kathleen was very pleased with the turnout and said there is a great need for continued education and information.

Research Assistant **Tara Minter** has joined the Board of Trustees for Wake Health Services Inc., a private non-profit health system that offers full service

medical and dental practice in seven locations. Tara also stays busy with her work as a SEANC district chair and member of the SEANC Board of Governors.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

FM staff participated in the giving of gifts by having an Angel Tree by the Raleigh Rescue Mission this past Christmas.

Donna Cassell is the proud grandmother of twin baby boys born in Raleigh. Charles Adam arrived at 11:53 p.m. Oct. 31 and Carmine Alexander followed at 12:11 a.m. Nov. 1.

Condolences to **Angie Wilson**, whose mother, Berteen Wilson, passed away on Jan. 1.

Happy birthday to **Avery Johnson** (Nov. 12), **Van Lindley** (Dec. 16), **Rondra McMillan** (Dec. 16),

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Congratulations to Rebekah Revels Lowry of the Commission of Indian Affairs, who married Oryan D. Lowry on Dec. 13.

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Kelly Holmes (Jan. 3), **Pat Bryant** (Jan. 28), **Elizabeth Howell** (Feb. 24) and **Donna Cassell** (Feb. 28).

HUB OFFICE

Patricia Jones became a first-time grandmother when her son and his wife, Jumar and Serap Jones of Fort Belvoir, Va., welcomed son Jalen Taylen Jones on Nov. 4.

Happy Birthday early to **Cassandra Herndon** (March 24).

LICENSE TO GIVE TRUST FUND COMMISSION

Founding chairman **Ed Jenest** of Asheville has retired as chair but remains on the board. The new chairman is **Dr. Daniel Hayes** of Charlotte.

MOTOR FLEET MANAGEMENT

Our condolences to **Danny Willis** on the passing of his wife, Debbie, on Dec. 31, 2008. Danny and his family wish to thank everyone for their support, prayers and visits during Debbie's illness and her passing.

Congratulations to **Michael P. Cowart**, who will retire on March 1 with 30 years of service to the state.

MFM extends recent and upcoming birthday greetings to: **Rowanne Moore** (Jan. 6), **Robert Morris** (Jan. 24), **Jackie Montgomery** (Jan. 26), **David Denton** (Feb. 6), **Doris Johnson** (Feb. 8), **Mike Cowart** (Feb. 21), **Kelvin Kelly** (Feb. 24), **Charles Seberry** (March 1), **David Parish** (March 1), **Paula Parrish** (March 1), **Danny Willis** (March 2), **Kenny Paschal** (March 6), **Eddie Williams** (March 8), **Cleo Alston** (March 11), **Amy Odom** (March 19), and **Arnold Nelson** (March 31).

STATE PARKING DIVISION

Uniformed staff are now wearing items featuring the Division's new award-winning logo designed by **Jayce Williams**.

PURCHASE & CONTRACT

Lois Poole has received her Certified Professional Public Buyer recertification from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Inc. Certification reflects established standards and competencies for those engaged in governmental purchasing, and attests to the purchaser's ability to obtain maximum value for the taxpayer's dollar.

Teresa Chaney and her husband, Tony, will celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary on March 10th.

Charlotte Battle completed her college studies at Shaw University on Jan. 30 with a GPA of 3.43. She received a BA in Public Administration with Concentration in Emergency Management. She and her brother will walk with the graduating class on May 9.

Peggy Crawley's granddaughter, Paige Elizabeth Crawley, was christened on Feb. 15 at Grace Church in Raleigh.



Sheree Pratt (left) is joined by Gretchen Aycock as she presents a standing globe to her former boss, McKinley Wooten, during his farewell luncheon.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Congratulations to **Sheree Pratt**, who was named Executive Assistant to the Secretary.

Former Deputy **Secretary McKinley Wooten** surprised many colleagues with his musical skills when he played piano during the 28th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Jan. 16. Wooten, now deputy director at the Administrative Office of the Courts, was replaced by former State Property Office Director **June Michaux**. Former colleagues wished him well at a farewell luncheon.



Human Resources Director Valerie Robinson and husband Alphonso celebrate their Nov. 14 wedding.

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June Michaux's 12-year-old granddaughter Leah E. Leak was an honorary page on the opening day of the Legislative Session.

Jayce Williams didn't think much of it when he was asked to walk down to the HUB Office the afternoon of Feb. 6 to help with a graphic design project, but he did start to think something was fishy when he was told to go to **Traci Fleming's** office but was then escorted by her to **Pat Jones's** office. When he got there he was surprised with a giant iced chocolate-chip cookie to celebrate his birthday. "They really got me," he said with a laugh. "I'm lucky to work with people who are so sweet." Williams also enjoyed a donut breakfast with his colleagues in the Secretary's Office.

Graham Lucas, a senior at Enloe High School and son of PIO **Jill Lucas**, is featured in a new interactive video on the French and Indian War posted on the Department of Cultural Resources [website](#) (click on Archaeology).



Phil DuBose (right) receives his retirement certificate from Latif Kaid.

A regular volunteer at the State Archaeology Resource Center, he plans to study history and government in college.

STATE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

SCO staff said goodbye to **Phil DuBose**, who retired on Jan. 30. Phil was a member of the Construction Administration Section and worked with the office since 1986. He will be missed!

STATE PROPERTY OFFICE

The staff celebrated the promotion of former Director **June Michaux** to Deputy Secretary by taking her to lunch at 518 West, where she was presented a gift card to a favorite bookstore and a collection of vital essentials for her new office: diet Cokes, Hershey Kisses, peppermints and snack mix. Michaux reflected on her tenure at SPO and shared fond memories. We wish her well!

Happy Birthday to **Mike Moser** (Jan. 18), **Eric Moore** (Jan. 22) and **Joy Wayman** (March 16).

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Condolences to **James Woodard**, State Veterans Nursing Home Manager, on the Feb. 17 passing of his mother, Bernice N. Woodard of Conway.

YOUTH ADVOCACY AND INVOLVEMENT OFFICE

Child advocate **Martha Lowrance** has been nominated to serve as Treasurer of the Juvenile Justice and Children's Rights Section Council of the N.C. Bar Association for 2009-2010.

Talk about the perfect Christmas present: **Lisa Flint-Morris** and her

husband Ryan welcomed a baby girl, Kay Murphy Morris, on Dec. 23, 2008, and brought her home on Christmas day. Lisa is Coordinator for the State Government Internship Program.



June Michaux with her 12-year-old granddaughter Leah E. Leak, who served as an honorary page.



Lisa Flint-Morris and baby Kay Murphy

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NEW HIRES, RETIREMENTS

NEW HIRES

Debbie Jarmin	Motor Fleet Management	Nov. 1
Mark R. Ratliff	State Capitol Police	Nov. 3
Jerome J. Ryan	HUB Office	Nov. 3
Katherine Powell	State Energy Office	Dec. 8
Brett D. Baldree	Veterans Affairs	Dec. 10
David C. Richards	State Capitol Police	Dec. 29
Cathlyn J. Batchler	State Capitol Police	Jan. 16
Louis P. Eldridge	Mail Service Center	Jan. 26
Samuel O. Blue	Surplus Property	Feb. 9
Christy Agner	Secretary's Office	Feb. 23
Kerry D. Bird	Indian Affairs	March 16

RETIREMENTS

Charles Lyon	Mail Service Center	Nov. 1
James Smith	State Capitol Police	Nov. 1
Karen Parker	HUB Office	Jan. 1
James Dunlap	Facility Management	Jan. 1
Richard Allen	Facility Management	Jan. 1
David Glover	State Capitol Police	Jan. 1
Philip DuBose	State Construction Office	Feb. 1
Richard Talton	Facility Management	Feb. 1

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1. Added COO to his title
2. One of 14 siblings
3. Senator to speak at SCO conference
4. New Legislative Liaison
5. What to do with old phone books
6. Hand-crocheted a special quilt
7. Grandma to twin boys born on different days
8. Secretary's new Executive Assistant
9. 39th annual Youth _____ Assembly
10. Retired on Jan. 30
11. His wife spoke at MLK event

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BEACON

The Office of the State Auditor is currently conducting a review of the BEACON application system. DOA employees are encouraged to submit BEACON issues anonymously via this web link:

<http://www.ncauditor.net/pub2/BeaconForm.aspx>

Reporting a BEACON issue will help the Auditor's office and the Office of State Controller focus on areas where BEACON may need improvement. The results of the State Auditor's work will be released in its 2009 IS Audit Report of the Office of State Controller.



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